MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In answer to part (*a*), may I know how many persons, the Public Service Commissioner recruited in his office from the High Court ?

PRESIDENT : The Honourable member will please read the papers before him which were laid on the table before half an hour of the appointed time and then put questions.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is there.

The Public Service Commissioner.

149. ***MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): With reference to the Public Service Commissioner, will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) what the departments are in which so far (till 24-11-1111) appointments have been made by the Public Service Commissioner ; and

(*b*) what are the arrangements so far (24-11-1111) made for the Competitive Examinations under the Public Service Commission Rules ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Except in regard to appointments in his own office, the Public Service Commissioner has no authority to make appointments in any other department. He has, however, advised on appointments in the Public Health, Co-operative Societies, Agricultural & Fisheries, Police, Water Works and Drainage and Education Departments.

(*b*) The arrangements made for a special examination under the Public Service Recruitment Rules are contained in the Public Service Departmental sheet of the Government Gazette dated the 14th July 1936/31st Mithunam 1111.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether, in the case of every appointment made, the advice of the Commissioner is to be taken ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In regard to the appointment made so far, the Public Service Commissioner was asked to select the candidates and Government actually appointed them. The rule hereafter will be that the Public Service Commissioner will propose a list of eligible candidates and the heads of departments will appoint persons in that list.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Am I to understand then that, in the case of a particular community, the appointing officer has the freedom to choose any of the names mentioned in the list or he has to go according to the order of names in the list given by the Public Service Commissioner ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He will have to select men in the order in which their names are arranged in the list. This order will be fixed by the Public Service Commissioner on the basis of the results of the selective test conducted by him.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): In answer to part (*b*) may I know when this special examination is coming on?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Early next year.

Applications received by the Public Service Commissioner.

150. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications for appointments received so far (till 24-11-1111) by the Service Commissioner from graduates and non-graduates separately?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The number of applications in the prescribed form is about 3,000 and of those not in the prescribed form is about 2,000. Apart from the fact that many of them have been forwarded to other departments, the time and labour involved in classifying them, as received from graduates and non-graduates, would not be commensurate with the result obtained.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the applications for appointments are registered in the office of the Public Service Commissioner?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know, if they aae numbered?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I should think so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then what is the difficulty in giving the number of applications from graduates and undergraduates separately?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are about 5,000 applications and it is rather difficult to find out the examination qualifications of all these applicants.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If the applications of graduates and under-graduates are registered and numbered, what is the difficulty in giving the number of the applications received from each of these groups?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that the applications of graduates and undergraduates are registered separately. The application as it comes in will be registered without noting down the qualifications of the applicant.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the applications of different grades are registered and numbered separately?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Applicants, whether graduates or undergraduates, are eligible for appointments as clerks. The majority of the applications are for clerks' places.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether those 2000 applications not in the prescribed form were made on account of want of application forms?

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